

Dear Council President.

Thank you so much for your public service.

1. Please note that considering the high inflation and the current state of economy after COVID, we as citizens are dealing with lots of hardships. As such, please do not increase the property taxes by 10%. It will crush us.
2. On top of that the bill for rent control will be an additional hardship on many people. Please remove this bill.
3. In addition to extra hardship to property owners, overreliance on property taxes reinforces inequalities between rich and poor communities, curbs the production of multifamily housing, and encourages sprawl.
4. Perhaps the county needs to look at how they can save money and eliminate the unnecessary spending and waste, and look for efficiencies. We need to be innovative and less reliant on tax increases.
5. What is the effect of the increase of immigrant population to the county? Perhaps they should be paying something (even a small amount) toward the public school budget since they are recipients of so many free government programs.
6. Please bear in mind that the Native-born residents bear significant net costs due to immigrants' use of public services, especially education.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

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